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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL - AGENDA ITEM 20,
OTHER MATTERS: INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (6/29-30;
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1. SUMMARY: PRIVATE MEETING OF ADMIN MORSE WITH
INTERESTED DELEGATIONS MENTIONED REFTEL A WITNESSED
EVEN GREATER ATTEMPTS BY SOME TO UNCOVER SO-CALLED
REAL REASON WHY ICP PROPOSAL HANDLED IN SUCH "ODD"
MANNER. DELEGATES INSISTED ON KNDWING PRECISE REASON
FAO-ICP RELATIONSHIP WAS BEING SO ABRUPTLY TERMINATED
AFTER TEN YEARS. NO POSITIONS REALLY CHANGED.
ACKNOWLEDGING THAT UNDP ACCEPTANCE OF ICP PROGRAM
WAS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS GC SESSION, ADMINISTRATOR
FINALLY AGREED TO SO INFORM ICP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND SYG. END SUMMARY.

2. AT PRIVATE MEETING WITH INTERESTED DELEGATIONS,
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MORSE EXPLAINED THAT SYG DECIDED RETAIN ICP WITHIN
UN SYSTEM BECAUSE HE BELIEVED PROGRAM WOULD HELP
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OF LDCS. THUS, AFTER TAKING THIS
DECISION IN LATE MAY, DOCUMENT DP 347 CONTAINING
PROPOSAL WAS DEVELOPED, CLEARED WITH NECESSARY MANAGE-
MENT AND LEGAL LEVELS WITHIN UN AND UNDP AND ISSUED,
ALBEIT LATE, ON JUNE 26; TWO DAYS BEFORE ITS CONSIDERA-

TION BY GC. QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO WHY ICP WAS NOT AT LEAST ON AGENDA. IF IT HAD BEEN, DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS EVEN THOUGH SPECIFIC PROPOSAL NOT AVAILABLE. ADMINISTRATOR AGAIN CITED PRESS OF TIME AS MAIN REASON FOR ICP'S ABSENCE FROM AGENDA. IT WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT ICP WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THIS SESSION WHEN AGENDA WAS ISSUED.

3. AA OLVER ADDED GC NEEDED TO ACT AT THIS SESSION BECAUSE ICP STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN JULY TO DEVELOP METHOD FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION BY INDIVIDUALS FROM LDCS, INTER ALIA. ICP NEEDED THEREFORE TO KNOW ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH UN PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

4. SWEDEN, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, KUWAIT, FINLAND, IRAN, USSR, COLUMBIA, AND MEXICO REFUSED TO GIVE THEIR APPROVAL TO UNDP SUPERINTENDENCY OF ICP PROGRAM. OBJECTIONS RANGED FROM MILD QUESTIONS OF WHY RUSH INTO NEW ACTIVITY AND DO LDCS REALLY WANT PROGRAM TO EXPRESSIONS OF STRONG SUSPICION THAT FAO-ICP BREAKUP WAS NOT BEING REALLY EXPLAINED AND THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS (SWEDEN, USSR) HAD INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH ICP ENTRANCE INTO UN SYSTEM VIA UNDP (USSR WOULD PREFER ON ICP-UNIDO CONNECTION).

5. GERMANY, FOLLOWED BY DENMARK, UK, BRAZIL,
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SWITZERLAND, USA, AND KENYA ENDORSED PROGRAM TRIAL FOR ONE YEAR WITH DEFINITIVE REVIEW AT NEXT JUNE'S GC SESSION. (SOME WANTED THIS REVIEW IN JANUARY). IT WAS CLEAR HOWEVER THAT THIS WAS AT BEST A MINORITY VIEW WHICH DID NOT CHANGE BASIC GC REJECTION OF PREVIOUS DAY. DENMARK QUESTIONED WHY GC WAS EVEN CONSIDERING QUESTION OF PLACEMENT OF ICP WITHIN UN SYSTEM. SHE SUGGESTED THIS IS APPROPRIATE QUESTION FOR GA SECOND COMMITTEE. USSR, IRAN AND SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS MURMURED THEIR APPROVAL OF THIS COMPROMISE SUGGESTION.

6. MORSE THANKED GROUP FOR GUIDANCE, PROMISED TO CONTACT ICP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GIVE DELEGATIONS HIS POSITION NEXT DAY BEFORE PLENARY SESSION.

7. FOLLOWING DAY, 6/30/78, MORSE INFORMED DELEGATIONS GENERALLY REPRESENTING COUNTRIES MENTIONED PARAS 4 AND 5 THAT UNDP WAS NOT IN POSITION TO ACCEPT ICP EFFECTIVE 7/1/78 AND THAT HE WOULD SO INFORM SYG. HE ADDED THAT AT ICP'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7/24/78 IT MAY DECIDE TO RECONSTITUTE ITSELF AS ORGANIZATION HAVING NO OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH UN. IT MIGHT ALSO

DECIDE TO OFFER ITS FACILITIES TO UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON VOLUNTARY BASIS. MORSE ASKED FOR REACTION OF GROUP TO THIS FORMULA.

8. SWEDEN INFORMED MORSE THAT THIS SOLUTION SATISFIED HIS DELEGATION. GERMANY AND ITALY ALSO AGREED WITH SOLUTION. USDEL HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO ALONG WITH MORSE'S CONCLUSION, WHILE EXPRESSING REGRETS AT TERMINATION OF ICP RELATIONSHIP WITH UN SYSTEM. THERE WAS NO CHANCE TO TURN GC AROUND ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS SESSION.

9. COMMENT: FACT THAT ICP PROPOSAL ENDED IN FIASCO

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WOULD APPEAR TO BE DUE IN CONSIDERABLE PART TO LACK OF PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSION OF ITEM BY THE SECRETARIAT AND FAILURE ADEQUATELY TO BRIEF A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS ON MEANING OF PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS. IN DISCUSSION WITH WALTER SIMON (ICP SECRETARIAT) FOLLOWING REJECTION OF PROPOSAL BY GC, HE INDICATED THAT ICP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES THAT NOW APPEARED OPEN TO IT. WHETHER ICP-UN SYSTEM CONNECTION CAN BE RESURRECTED IN ANY FORM IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS STAGE. AMONG ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED IN VARIOUS CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS WERE CONNECTION TO NEW UN DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ICP-UNIDO RELATIONSHIP.
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